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SUBJECT: SPANISH CONSULTATIONS IN LONDON ON NATO

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1. ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOUTHWEST EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT OF FCO (RICHARD BAKER) TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 21 THAT SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS VISITING LONDON WILL HAVE CONTACT WITH FCO ONLY AT SMALL "PRIVATE" LUNCH AT SPANISH AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. AMBASSADOR FRAGA INVITED FCO DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY KILLICK TO LUNCH WITH TOURING SPANISH DIPLOMATS "EN ROUTE BACK TO MADRID FROM STOCKHOLM." AMBASSADOR FRAGA DID NOT MENTION VISITORS' INTENTION TO GO TO BRUSSELS AFTER LONDON.

2. FCO CONFIRMED ACCEPTANCE FOR KILLICK AFTER DETERMINING THAT LUNCH WOULD BE TRULY PRIVATE AFFAIR WITHOUT
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PRESS NOTICE. FCO ALSO SUGGESTED GUEST LIST BE EXPANDED

TO INCLUDE TICKELL, WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR NATO AFFAIRS. FCO DENIED, HOWEVER, THAT IT HAD BEEN INFORMED SPANISH TIES WITH NATO WOULD BE MAIN DISCUSSION TOPIC; BRITISH ASSUMED THAT SPANISH HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED BY US TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR CLOSER ASSOCIATION WITH NATO. FCO HAD EXPECTED THAT GIBRALTAR WOULD BE DISCUSSED AND APPRECIATED LEARNING FROM EMBOFF THAT OUR EMBASSY IN MADRID HAD REPORTED GIBRALTAR WOULD NOT BE ON AGENDA.

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